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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (MRN 3680 VICE 3860)

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SUBJECT: LIBERIAN SUPPORT FOR ZAIRE OPERATION

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1. I CALLED ON PRESIDENT TOLBERT MAY 19 TO BRIEF HIM
ON THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ZAIRE SITUATION, TO
THANK HIM FOR GOL COOPERATION AND TO SOLICIT HIS HELP
IN ENSURING ALL POSSIBLE EFFORTS ARE MADE TO MAXIMIZE
JET FUEL AVAILABILITY AT ROBERTS INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELD.

2. NOTING THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD UNDERScoreD TO ME
MAY 16 THE IMPORTANCE OF POSITIVE ACTION BY THE U.S.
IN DEALING WITH SITUATIONS IN AFRICA LIKE THE PRESENT
ONE IN ZAIRE (REFTEL B), I BRIEFED HIM ON THE
STATUS OF THE UK/U.S./FRENCH/BELGIAN OPERATION IN
SHABA AND ON THE PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION REGARDING
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IMET AND FMS (REFTEL C). TOLBERT WAS EXTREMELY
PLEASED, ADDING THAT ALL FRIENDS OF THE U.S. COULD
TAKE COMFORT FROM THIS EVIDENCE OF U.S. WILLINGNESS
TO ACT.

3. I RAISED THE PROBLEM OF JET FUEL SUPPLY, NOTING
THAT SHORTAGES AT ROBERTS INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELD HAD

MADE NECESSARY SOME TIME-CONSUMING SHIFTS IN REFUELING SCHEDULES. PART OF THE PROBLEM, I ADDED, WAS THE FACT THAT THE MONROVIA REFINERY HAD SHUT DOWN LAST NIGHT. THE PRESIDENT IMMEDIATELY SUMMONED THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE DAVID MOORE AND DEPUTY MINISTER OF FINANCE GERALD PADMORE AND PROMISED ME THAT HE WOULD SEE THAT ALL POSSIBLE IS DONE TO ENSURE MAXIMUM SUPPLY OF FUEL.

4. COMMENT: TOLBERT WAS OBVIOUSLY ELATED AT THE SENSE OF POSITIVE ACTION CONVEYED BY THE PRESENT OPERATIONS OF THE WESTERN ALLIES IN ZAIRE, AND ANXIOUS TO SUPPORT THESE IN ANY WAY AVAILABLE TO THE GOL.
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